# 321 YALE



## BUILDING AND STANDARDS BOARD AGENDA ITEM # 5 FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014

#### CITY DEVELOPEMENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING SAFEY DIVISION

#### MEMORANDUM July 30, 2014

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board Members

THROUGH: Victor Morrison-Vega, Deputy Director, City Development Department

FROM: Ron Roth, C.B.O., Deputy Building Official

SUBJECT: 321 Yale, El Paso, Texas 79907

The following is a brief chronology of the investigation of the referenced location:

- 1) First investigated on March 14, 2014. This single family dwelling was built in 1954, constructed of concrete masonry units and the roof is wood framed with a shingle covering, and a concrete slab foundation. The exterior walls finish consists in a combination of plaster and cement stucco. Attempts to maintain the structures secure have become unsuccessful. The structures are lacking maintenance and are not being kept up. There are un-operable vehicles, auto parts, scrap metal, trash and debris throughout the property.
- 1) Certified notices of the public hearing scheduled for July 30, 2014, were mailed to the owners and all interested parties on July 10, 2014.
- 2) As of June 6, 2014, \$25,602.90 is owed in taxes but the owner has a tax deferral.

The owners have been notified of the property violations at this property. To date there has been no response or corrective action taken, and therefore the Department recommends that it be found:

- 1) That the structures be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- 2) That the structures are not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
- 3) That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
- 4) That the structures can be rehabilitated; and
- 5) That the structures be secured within thirty (30) days; and
- 6) That all un-operable vehicles be removed from the property; and
- 7) That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all trash, debris, auto parts, and scrap metal within 30 days; and
- 8) That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.

#### Code Compliance Division 3-26-2014 NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Robert H & Teresa Sandidge 321 Yale Ave El Paso Texas, 79907-7423

> Re: 321 Yale Blk: 17 Pasodale

Lot: 2 & W 10ft of 1 (0.537acres) & 3 (0.467acres) (46376 sq ft)

Zoned: R-3 ENHS14-00649

91-7199-9991-7030-7700-7391

To All Owners, Lienholders, and Mortgagees:

An inspection at the above referenced address has revealed that the structure is in violation of the El Paso Municipal Code, Chapter 18.50, Property Maintenance Code, which states:

#### 18.50.108.1 General.

When a structure or equipment is found by the Director to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human occupancy, or is found unlawful, such structure or equipment shall be condemned pursuant to the provisions of Title 2.38 of the Municipal Code.

The El Paso Municipal Code Chapter 18.50 International Property Maintenance Code defines unsafe structure as follows:

#### 18.50.108.1.1 Unsafe Structures.

An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible

#### 18.50.108.1.2 Unsafe Equipment

Unsafe equipment includes any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers, or other equipment on the premises or within the structure that is in such disrepair or condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property or safety of the public or occupants of the premises or structure.

#### 18.50.108.1.3 Structure Unfit for Human Occupancy.

A structure is unfit for human occupancy whenever the Director finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth or contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by this code, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants of the structure or to the public

The structure located at **321 Yale Ave. El Paso TX**, **79907** is in violation of the requirements found in the following sections of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code as adopted in the El Paso City Code, Chapter 18.50, Property Maintenance Code:

- a. All exterior property, accessory structures and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. [Sec. 302.1, 302.2, 302.3, 302.4, 302.5, 302.6, 302.7, 302.8, 302.9]
- b. The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare. [Sec. 304.1, 304.1.1 conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4, 304.5, 304.6, 304.7, 304.8, 304.9, 304.10, 304.11, 304.12, 304.13, 304.14, 304.15, 304.16, 304.17, 304.18]
- c. The interior of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. [Sec. 305.1, 305.2, 305.3, 305.4, 305.5, 305.6]
- d. The components of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. [Sec. 306.1, 306.1.1 conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,]
- e. All *exterior property* and *premises*, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of *rubbish* or garbage. [Sec. 308.1, 308.2, 308.2.1, 308.2.2, 308.3.3, 308.3.1, 308.3.2]
- f. All structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent *infestation*. All structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After *pest elimination*, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation. [Sec.309.1, 309.2, 309.3, 309.4, 309.5]
- g. The building must comply with the minimum criteria and conditions for light. [Sec.402.1, 402.2, 402.3]
- h. The building must comply with the minimum criteria and conditions for ventilation. [Sec.403.1, 403.2, 403.3, 403.4, 403.5]
- i. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for required facilities. [Sec. 502.1, 502.2, 502.3, 502.4,502.4.1, 502.5]
- j. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for toilet rooms. [Sec. 503.1, 503.2, 503.3, 503.4]

- k. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for plumbing systems and fixtures. [Sec. 504.1, 504.2, 504.3]
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- m. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for sanitary drainage systems. [Sec.506.1, 506.2, 506.3]
- n. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for heating facilities. [Sec. 602.2, 602.3, 602.4, 602.5]
- o. All mechanical equipment and fireplaces shall be properly installed and maintained. [Sec.603.1, 603.2, 603.3, 603.4, 603.5, 603.6]
- p. The building must comply with the minimum criteria of the provisions for electrical facilities. [Sec. 604.1,604.2, 604.3, 604.3.1, 604.3.1.1, 604.3.2, 604.3.2.1]
- q. All electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe and *approved* manner. [Sec. 605.1, 605.2, 605.3]
- r. Duct systems shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be capable of performing the required function. [Sec. 607.1]
- s. Means of egress & Emergency escape opening A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel has not been provided from all points in the building or structure to the *public wav.* [Sec. 702.1, 702.2, 702.3, 702.4]
- t. The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated walls, fire stops, shaft enclosures, partitions and floors shall be maintained. [Sec. 703.1, 703.2]
- u. All systems, devices and equipment to detect a fire, actuate an alarm, or suppress or control a fire or any combination thereof shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times. [Sec. 704.1, 704.1.1, 704.2, 704.3, 704.4]
- v. The structure needs to be secured from unwanted entry and ongoing vandalism, and the premises need to be cleaned of all trash and debris within (30) days from receipt of this letter. [Sec. 108.2]
- w. The repairs to the structural elements and/or service systems referred to in the previous sections must be completed within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. If, due to the scope and complexity of the work more time is needed, you must make this request to the Environmental Services Department, Code Compliance Division.

As a result of the aforementioned violations, the following action may be taken:

a. This case is being submitted to the City Building and Standards Commission for unsafe structures proceedings. The Building and Standards Commission will decide if the structure is unsafe and if it should be vacated and secured, or demolished as per Title 2.38 of the El Paso Municipal Code. By authority of Chapter 18.02.103.10.3.3 of the El Paso Municipal Code the electrical service at this property may be disconnected at the request of the Environmental Services Department, Code Compliance Division because of Electrical Code violations

Many of these corrections will require a permit. Permits for commercial or rental property must be taken out by a bonded and insured contractor who is registered with the City of El Paso.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, you own the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Code Compliance Division office, 7969 San Paulo Dr., El Paso, Texas, 79907, no later than the 20th day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not send the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own the property described in this notice, even if you do not.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 599-6290.

Salvador Reyes Building Inspector

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

#### To all interested parties:

The owners, mortgagee, lien holders and any others with a legal interest in the property described below are hereby ordered to appear before the Building and Standards Commission, herein after referred to as the "Commission", at the following time and place:

**LOCATION:** El Paso City Hall, City Council Chamber, 300 N. Campbell, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901

**DATE:** July 30, 2014

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PROPERTY:** 321 Yale Ave., EL PASO, TEXAS also described as A portion of Lot 1 and all of Lots 2 and 3, Block PASODALE ADDITION, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A".

The property has been determined to be substandard based upon violations of the minimum standards of the 2009 Building Codes, adopted and incorporated in the El Paso City Code, Chapter 18, more specifically addressed below.

According to the real property records of El Paso County, and other relevant public records, Teresa P. Sandidge, 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, Ted Robert Sandidge, 319 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, and Norman Wayne Sandidge, 11205 War Cloud El Paso, Texas 79936, are the owner(s), herein after referred to as the "Owners" of the property. If you no longer own or have an interest in the property, you must execute an affidavit stating that you no longer own or have an interest in the property and stating the name and last known address of the person who acquired the property from you, if applicable. The affidavit must be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to The Building and Safety Division of the City Development Department, 801 Texas, El Paso, Texas 79901, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day after the date you receive this notice. If you do not execute and deliver the affidavit, it will be presumed that you own or have an interest in the property, even if you do not.

On or about March 14, 2014, an inspection of the property was conducted by the Building Safety Division and the following violations were identified:

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The owners are entitled to show cause that the property is safe, does not constitute a dangerous structure and should not be declared a nuisance and ordered abated by presenting relevant evidence and testimony. If the owners advocates for repair, then they bear the burden of proof to demonstrate the scope of any work that may be required to bring the property into compliance with Chapter 18.50 and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work. The allowable time periods for repair are governed by Texas Local Government Code, Sections 214.001(h), (i), (j) and (k). Any document relied upon to demonstrate that the property is safe or that it can be repaired must be presented to the Commission at the hearing, including building plans, specifications, drawings, or reports from professionals and any other relevant documentation.

a. If the owners fail to comply with the order of the Commission, the City may pursue one or more of the following actions:

Perform any and all work necessary to bring the property into compliance with the Commission's order;

Assess civil penalties, provided for in the Commission's order, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per day or \$10 per day if the Property has a homestead exemption, that will accrue interest of 10% per year until paid in full;

Appoint a receiver as permitted by state law; and

Any other remedies permitted by state law.

Commission orders may be appealed to the State District Court within 30 days of the Final order. The Commission's authority and procedures in regard to a Dangerous Structure Hearing may be found in Chapter 2.38 of the El Paso City Code and in their duly adopted bylaws. A copy of the ordinance adopting the most current version of Chapter 2.38 is enclosed. The bylaws may be obtained at the Building Safety Division of the City Development Department, 801 Texas, El Paso, Texas 79901 or by calling (915) 212-1517.

This notice will be recorded in the real property records of El Paso County and will be binding on subsequent grantees, lien holders or other transferees of an interest in the Property.

The City Clerk is ordered to provide notice of this hearing to the record owners and all other interested parties, required by law, who are listed following this notice, and file this notice in the real property records of El Paso County.

FAILURE OF THE OWNERS AND/OR LIENHOLDER OR MORTGAGEE TO TAKE THE ORDERED ACTION MAY RESULT IN THE CITY TAKING THE ORDERED ACTION AND FILING A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

The City of El Paso appreciates your cooperation and prompt attention to remedying the nuisances on the property. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions, comments or concerns relative to this notice

APPROVED AS TO FORM	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT	
Wendi N Vineyard	Ron Roth, C.B.O.	
Assistant City Attorney	Deputy Building Official	

I, RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, City Clerk of the and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding to Paso, Texas was PUBLISHED in the official City not, 2014.	he property located at 321 Yale Ave., El
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	Richarda Duffy Momsen
I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, was MAILED REQUESTED to:	
Norman Wayne Sandidge 11205 War Cloud El Paso, Texas 79936	
	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, was MAILED REQUESTED to:	
Teresa P. Sandidge 321 Yale Ave. El Paso, Texas 79907	
	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
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Ted Robert Sandidge 319 Yale Ave. El Paso, Texas 79907	
*	Date:
	Time:
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City of El Paso C/O City Clerk 300 N. Campbell	
El Paso, Texas 79901	Date:
	Time:
	Inspector:
I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, was MAILER REQUESTED to:	
Governor of the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Indian Tribe	2
AKA Tigua Indian Community	
119 S. Old Pueblo Road	
El Paso, Texas 79907	Dota
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	Time:
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoin 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, was MAILEI REQUESTED to:	
El Paso Central Appraisal District 5801 Trowbridge Ave.	
El Paso, Texas 79925	
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I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoin 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, was MAILEI REQUESTED to:	
El Paso County Probate Court 500 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 105 El Paso, Texas 79901	
•	Date:
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	Time:

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice regarding the property at 321 Yale Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907, was MAILED CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED to:

Delgado, Acosta, Spencer Linebarger, Heard & Perez, LLP Attn: Bonnie Cooper 221 N. Kansas Suite 1400 El Paso, Texas 79901

Attin. Bonine Cooper		
221 N. Kansas Suite 1400		
El Paso, Texas 79901		
	Date:	
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	Inspector:	
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#### UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT

#### **BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION**

**DATE OF EXAMINATION:** March 14, 2014 **REP. DISTRICT:** 7

ADDRESS: 321 Yale ZONED: R-4

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** 321 Yale Ave., EL PASO, TEXAS also described as a portion of Lot 1 and all of Lots 2 and 3, Block PASODALE ADDITION, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A".

**OWNER:** Teresa P Sandidge; Norman Wayne Sandidge ADDRESS: 321 Yale

& Ted Robert Sandidge. El Paso Tx 79907

**BUILDING USE:** Single family dwelling and accessory structures

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Type V

**FOOTINGS:** Concrete slab.

**CONDITION:** Unable to determine condition due to subterranean placement. A structural engineer should

be hired to evaluate actual condition.

FOUNDATION WALL: N/A

**CONDITION:** N/A

FLOOR STRUCTURE: Unable to determine actual condition.

**CONDITION:** Unable to determine condition of floor structure. A registered contractor must be hired to

evaluate actual condition.

**EXTERIOR WALLS:** Cinder block with wood framing.

**HEIGHT**: 12' +/-**THICKNESS:** 15" +/-

**CONDITION:** Fair

**INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS:** Unable to determine actual condition.

**CONDITION: N/A** 

**ROOF STRUCTURE:** Main structure has a shingle roof covering. Accessory structure consist of wood framing with Aluminum covering.

**CONDITION:** Poor. The roof system is deteriorated due to lack of maintenance and exposure to the elements. Some beams are displaced from their columns. A licensed roofing contractor in the state of Texas should be hired to evaluate the roofing system.

**DOORS, WINDOWS, ETC.:** Wood frame and metal frame windows; wooden doors.

**CONDITION:** Poor. Several windows and doors are broken or missing due to vandalism. Would need to be repaired or replaced

**MEANS OF EGRESS:** Does not meet code.

**CONDITION:** Poor.

**PLUMBING:** Poor. A licensed plumbing contractor must be hired to evaluate the entire plumbing system and submit a report to this department on the corrective action required to bring the system up to minimum code compliance.

**ELECTRICAL:** Poor. A licensed electrical contractor must be hired to evaluate the entire electrical system and submit a report to this department on the corrective action required to bring the system up to minimum code compliance.

**MECHANICAL:** Poor. A licensed mechanical contractor must be hired to evaluate the entire mechanical system and submit a report to this department on the corrective action required to bring the system up to minimum code compliance.

IF CONDEMNED, HOW MANY PERSONS WILL BE AFFECTED: ONE

WARNING POSTED: NO BARRICADED: No POLICE AID REQD.: No

**REMARKS:** Premises must be vacated. Structures can be rehabilitated.

Secure all structures within 30 days and maintain secure thereafter.

Travel trailer #1 and all non-operable vehicles must be removed from property within 30 days.

Remove or replace garage roof structure.

Premises be cleaned of all weeds, trash, debris, auto parts and metal accumulation within 30 days & maintained clean thereafter

Salvador Reyes Building Inspector

### TAX REPORT

